

Remarks

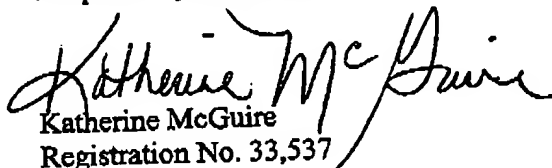
Following entry of this amendment, claims 1-5, 7-13, 17-21, 25, 26, and 28-31 remain pending. Applicant acknowledges with thanks Examiner's allowance of Claims 17-21 and 28-31. Of remaining Claims 1-5, 7-13, 25 and 26, Claim 1 is the sole independent claim and has been amended hereby to more precisely define and distinguish the present invention over the prior art. Claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom should therefore be held allowable for the following reasons:

Claim 1, as amended, includes the step of neutralizing substantially all the negative power of the first mold portion. Support for this amendment may be found at page 8, lines 1-3. Neither the Clark *et al.* nor Neeffe reference discloses or suggests neutralizing the negative power of a first mold part while maintaining the concave surface thereof (located opposite the convex, lens-forming surface). This method is superior over prior methods in that the desired cure profile is achieved while at the same time not making the mold part needlessly bulky which can have undesirable effects on molding parameters such as lens shrinkage and lens center thickness.

The claims depending from Claim 1 should now be allowable as well. It is noted claims 2-5 have been amended to cure the rejection under 35 USC §112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

For the foregoing reasons, the claims should now be in allowable form, and it is requested that this application be passed to issuance.

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